

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos, California is an operational base and primary Southern California Headquarters for the California Army National Guard Headquarters. As it continues to serve a vital military function, it also serves as the Southern Regional Headquarters of the California Office of Emergency Services.

The JFT, and its airfield specifically, will serve as the location through which personnel and aid flows in the event of a regional emergency. Runway 4R-22L at the JFTB is the only military facility between Santa Barbara (Vandenberg AFB) and San Diego County (Miramar NAS) that is able to accommodate large transport aircraft – the type needed for personnel and supply delivery after a large earthquake, disaster or disturbance.

The JFTB Los Alamitos was used as the assembly and staging area for the 1984 Olympics, the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the 1997 Northern California Floods and various other emergency preparation exercises.

Several agencies, including Gateway Cities Council of Governments, are supporting a request of \$17 million in federal funding to repair permanently Runway 4R-22L. U.S. Representative Loretta Sanchez, 47th District, has agreed to carry their joint funding request forward. I believe it is prudent to support this request for funding.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support federal funding for Runway 4R-22L at the Joint Forces Training Base which will give the Southern California region a fully functioning airfield during an emergency crisis.

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